RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1641**

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PATENT

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In re:

Vodyanoy et al.

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Changhwa J. Cheu

For:

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February 9, 2006

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1.	This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three months to respond to the			
Office Action dated August 9, 2005.				
2.	Applicant is	a small entity;	other than a small entity.	
3.	Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):			
	Total Months	Fee For Other	Fee for	
	Requested	Than Small Entity	Small Entity	
	one month	\$120.00	\$60.00	
	two months	\$450.00	\$225.00	
\boxtimes	three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00	
	four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00	
	five months*	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00	
*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.				
\boxtimes .	A check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed.			
	Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.			
\boxtimes	Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.			

Respectfully submitted,

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